



October 9th, 2015

WI Ranked in Top Ten for Teachers

Greetings!

Using data from the U.S. Census Bureau, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the National Education Association, and other organizations, [researchers found that Wisconsin is the 7th best state in the country for teachers.](#) Wisconsin teachers can expect higher starting salaries and more income growth potential compared to their colleagues across the country. In addition, **Wisconsin's school system was ranked 4th best in the country.** Parents can expect better student to teacher ratios, safer schools, and more spending per pupil than other states.

Ensuring quality education for all students in Wisconsin has been a top priority for me since I first took office. This past spring, in addition to completely eliminating a proposed cut to K-12 education, we added an additional \$100 per pupil to the budget. **That's a total investment of almost \$200 million** above the proposed budget. The bottom line: we are investing in our classrooms, our teachers, and our students, and the numbers show it.

Sincerely,

Reminder: Little Falls Dam Hearing



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On September 28th, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources [removed the middle portion of the Little Falls Dam](#) to facilitate a more effective drawdown of the lake. Don't forget to hold October 20th for an informational hearing on the Little Falls Dam project. Wisconsin DNR officials will be at the Hudson Town Hall at 6:00 PM to provide an update on the project and field your questions.

To find out more, visit the [project's website](#).



Last Saturday I hiked down to the dam to see the project's progress. In the picture above, you can clearly see where the dam has been breached to allow for a quicker drawdown.

Welcome to the Supreme Court

Today Governor Walker announced that Wisconsin Court of Appeals Judge Rebecca Bradley will be appointed to the Wisconsin Supreme Court to fill a vacancy left by the unexpected passing of Justice Patrick Crooks several weeks ago. I welcome her appointment and have no doubt that she will continue to act with integrity and professionalism as she transitions to Wisconsin's highest court. Congratulations!



From left to right: Chief Justice Roggensack, Judge Bradley, Governor Walker

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